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Dear Business Leader:

We need your help! There are students in our community who cannot afford basic school supplies. Every day teachers willingly dip into their own pockets to buy school supplies for their students in need. We will be supporting these teachers and children in need by collecting new school supplies for our Tools for Schools resource center, a free school supply store that provides essential classroom items for students in Harford County Public Schools.

In Harford County, 12,000 students in our public schools are economically disadvantaged and receive free and reduced meals (FaRMs). FaRMs is a federal indicator of poverty. Economically disadvantaged children don't necessarily have the needed school supplies essential for quality learning and the rigorous instruction necessary for the demands of our current economy and workforce. It is estimated that teachers spend an average of \$500 - \$1,000 of their own money to buy school supplies for their students in need.

To help all children find educational success, we will be collecting new school supplies to stock the Tools for Schools resource center. We would like to have the resource center stocked and ready by August 12 so teachers can shop free for the schools supplies their students. Our goal is to have school supplies available to students on their first day of school in August.

Suggested school supplies include: pencils, pens, colored pencils, washable markers, crayons, blunt edge scissors, glue sticks, bottle glue, notebook paper, erasers, two pocket folders with brads, 1 1/2" binders, binder separators, notebooks, binder zippered pencil pouches, plastic pencil cases, index cards, dry erase markers, dry erasers, protractors, highlighters, composition books and backpacks.

Please complete the attached Tools for Schools commitment form and return by email at geefinc@gmail.com or mail to the below address.

We look forward to your participation and ensuring that all students have the resources to be successful in school, college, work and life!

With warm regards,

Debora Gavin Merlock
President

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TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

SCHOOL SUPPLY RESOURCE CENTER



School Supply Commitment

Please complete the following information if you are interested in helping students in Harford County Public Schools get basic school supplies.

Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School Supply Drive:

- ☐ **Yes**, our organization is interested in donating school supplies for the Tools for Schools resource center where teachers can shop for free for students in need. We pledge to hold a collection drive and deliver items to the store by _____ date.
or make a financial contribution of \$_____ for the purchase of school supplies.

School Supply Donation:

- ☐ **Yes**, our organization is interested in donating school supplies directly for the Tools for Schools resource center. We will contact you to arrange delivery by _____ date.

Individual School Backpacks:

- ☐ **Yes**, our organization is interested in donating student backpacks filled with school supplies. We pledge to donate _____ # of backpacks and deliver them to the Tools for Schools resource center or arrange for pickup at 410-322-7743.

Please contact Deb Merlock at 410-322-7743 or geefinc@gmail.com with any questions. Please email to geefinc@gmail.com or mail to GEEF, P.O. Box 824, Edgewood, MD 21040

We appreciate, in advance, your interest in this worthwhile program!